

Dear Hal,

1/11/92

Your letter of 1/8 and the fat collection of Stonepware forced me to do what I've not been doing: break the accumulation of reviews, etc., down by date. I had to retrieve what you asked for, rather I had to go through the mess, so I made folders by date. I also enclose several other things that may be of interest to you.

On your pneumonia: after you recover, remember to get a pneumonia shot whenever that is possible. I had it twice before I got the shot and haven't had it since.

I've not gone through what you sent because I want to respond before I can get interrupted and because I wanted files into which each would fit. On Cockburn and The Nation: they have their own agenda and it includes JFK bashing. Has for years and once when they used a letter I wrote and Kopkind responded, he responded to not one thing. In direct response, I am convinced that JFK intended withdrawing from VN after the 1965 election.

I heard what you heard about Groden selling autopsy pix to the Globe. Disgraceful!

I agree on not using Paine name: fear of suit. Changed Boxley to Broussard.

Marrs is ignorant of the fact. He has devoted himself to theories, and that not very competently. Some of it is ridiculous as what you heard him say.

If I did not tell you before, the "tramps" are relevant to nothing.

Brouty is the origin of the Lansdale canard. I tried to talk him out of it but he insists he knows Lansdale when he sees him. More "tramp"ishness!

I hear his book is being reprinted by an extre-right press. He and Lane are associated with Wardo et al.

I also hear that three bad books are on the NYTimes best-seller list: Garrison's reprint, Lifton's and Livingstone's. Also, Lnes's, which is being made into a movie.

We've been quite busy. Besides health treatments, which take much time, and consultations, the mail has been heavier for about a year, ditto for orders. I have only a few letters referring to the movie and no book orders I can attribute to it. Book sales have been better for quite some time.

Stone is probably the least scrupulous and most competent exploiter and commercializer in years. I am sure he used the JFK assassination as a vehicle for something he wanted to say on Viet Nam. And that even now he is ignorant of the established fact.

While pretending to, he never stopped representing his movie as factual, real history. He pretended otherwise when speaking to reporters he thought were not in his pocket. Thus he has, as I feared all along, misled and misinformed a great number, particularly of the younger people and of his generation.

Thanks for what you sent. So soon as I catch up on the mail I'll be going over it. And now can file it for easier retrieval and at least with some semblance of order!

Get well, stay well, and have a good year!

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